

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LUSAKA 02164 161444Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 FRB-03
INR-10 NSAE-00 ICA-11 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03
SP-02 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 INT-05 GSA-02 STR-07
/075 W

-----099255 170706Z /14

R 161216Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8684
INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LUSAKA 2164

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIN EWWT TZ ZA
SUBJ: CITIBANK LOAN - COPPER SHIPMENTS

REF: DAR 2541, STATE 147705

1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED BOTH CITIBANK LOAN AND COPPER SHIPMENT SITUATION WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIAL JUNE 15. OFFICIAL, WHO IS GENERALLY VERY HELPFUL AND OPEN, WAS SMILINGLY HESITANT ABOUT CITIBANK LOAN BUT DID SAY THAT \$200 MILLION FIGURE "CAME FROM A POLITICIAN, NOT AN ECONOMIST." WITHOUT ACTUALLY SAYING SO HE CONFIRMED THAT FIGURE WAS MISLEADING (READ INACCURATE). HE WOULD NOT GO BEYOND SAYING THAT CITIBANK AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAD USEFUL DISCUSSIONS AND HAD AGREED ON FUTURE LEVEL OF CITIBANK EXPOSURE IN ZAMBIA.

2. RE COPPER SHIPMENTS, MINISTRY OFFICIAL EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLY LESS CONCERN THAN EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES. HE IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT WHILE TRANSPORT AND PORT PROBLEMS ARE SERIOUS, THEY ARE NOT DISASTROUS. ZAMBIA IS EXPECTING A NUMBER OF TRUCKS FROM VOLVO AND FIAT WHICH SHOULD EASE SOME
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LUSAKA 02164 161444Z

OF THE TAZARA BACKLOG. THERE IS A GENERAL BELIEF THAT MANAGEMENT AND LABOR AT THE PORT OF DAR CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE PROBLEM AND SUSPICION BY SOME THAT TANZANIA IS DELIBERATELY SQUEEZING ZAMBIA BY HOLDING UP SHIPMENTS. AGAIN HOWEVER, WHILE THE PROBLEM IS CONSIDERED EXTREMELY SERIOUS, THERE IS NO PANIC. (THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF ZAMBIA RECENTLY TOLD VISITING U.S. BANKERS THAT TRANSIT TIME FROM THE MINES

TO THE PORT HAS INCREASED FROM 14 TO 23 DAYS WHICH MAY BE
SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC.)

3. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS COPPER SHIPMENT PROBLEM WITH MINING
OFFICIALS JUNE 20 AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FIRM FIGURES ON
BACKLOG AND PIPELINE.
CLINGERMAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COPPER, LOANS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LUSAKA02164
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780253-0799
Format: TEL
From: LUSAKA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780651/aaaabrsv.tel
Line Count: 69
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3ad55087-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 DAR ES SALAAM 2541, 78 STATE 147705
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2323963
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CITIBANK LOAN - COPPER SHIPMENTS
TAGS: EFIN, EWWT, TZ, ZA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3ad55087-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014